

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

9/9/20
via Zoom

Present:

Howdy Goudy, KE6BEE
Hal Graboske, KK6NDF
Rob McNicholas, K6RJM
Annette McCoubrey, KJ6SWK
Natalie DeJarlais, KM6UCF

Communication Hubs

Goal: Build out CERT area connections to KE communication posts (Comm Hubs). We should create a short job description for Comm Hub leads, who will guide the buildup of neighborhood nets.

Neighborhood Nets

Three CERT areas have active nets. We should create a startup sheet for areas that are trying to get started, as well as a set of scripts for various tasks, including

- Intra-block communications
- Block-to-block communications for mutual aid
- Block-to-Comm Hub

El Cerrito/Kensington CERT donated a set of GMRS radios to KE for expanding neighborhood nets.

Elmering

There is a need for four types of elmering:

- Novice hams
- Advanced hams
- Novice FRS/GMRS
- Advanced FRS/GMRS

We many want to establish regular days/times for elmering sessions, with advance registration and questions submitted in advance so that Elmers can prepare. We will start with Don as Elmer, via Zoom hosted by Hal or Howdy.

These sessions will need to be publicized once they are planned.

Tech Team

Antenna installations: EC5 and Ken3 are on the list.
Go Kart: Need to find a location for this.

Fire Warning

El Cerrito/Kensington radio operator fire patrols are no longer active. We may wish to develop a set of fire surveillance posts along the ridgetop from Berkeley to Richmond, staffed by GMRS operators that we could train and set up with radios. These GMRS operators would report via a GMRS net to the KE ham net.

Hal plans to discuss this plan with Chris Hilliard, the El Cerrito CERT Program Manager.

Training Drills

We are considering three drills in the fall:

- SET, led by Howdy
- Red Flag tryout for the fire surveillance net
- Great California Shakeout (10/15)

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- Rob will present a demo on antennas & portable power (~20 minutes)
- Howdy will follow with additional tips
- Jay will discuss rapid antenna setup
- Brief discussion of the topics above